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The Honorable Michael K. Powell
Chairman
Federal Communications Commission
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Washington, DC 20554

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Re: Docket No. MB-02-235

Dear Mr. Chairman:

I am writing to share with you our very successful collaboration with Univision to reach families of children with disabilities. We are a disability information center serving the US and we were struggling to get our message out to the Spanish speaking families who have children with disabilities.

In the fall of 2000, Univision's Community and Public Affairs Dept contacted our staff at the National Information Center for Children and Youth with Disabilities. They were about to produce a program focused on children with disabilities and they wanted to know if our project could assist and be listed as a resource for families. But, more importantly, they wanted to be sure that, if they listed our project, we were able to provide information and assistance to families. We were thrilled! Not only did Univision want to produce a quality program about children with disabilities but they wanted to ensure that families were connected with helpful resources.

Needless to say, we assisted with this program and our national information center toll free number was included in the program. When the program was broadcast and subsequently rebroadcast, we received thousands and thousands of phone calls and we sent out thousands of free materials to families and educators.

It is now over three years and several programs later and Univision remains committed to our collaborative efforts to educate families and the general public about children with disabilities and their educational needs. We could not have reached the many thousand

families- who continue to call today- without the fine work of the Community and Public Affairs Dept. and the commitment of Univision. Their outreach to underserved families of children with disabilities around the country is invaluable. Our center could never have reached and served so many families.

We look forward to continuing our collaboration with the fine staff of Univision to improve the lives of children with disabilities.

Sincerely,

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